

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**APRIL 16, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez, and Councilmembers Jaime Soto (left at 8:49 p.m.), Joel Fajardo (via teleconference) and Robert C. Gonzales

Staff: City Manager Alexander P. Meyerhoff, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Chávez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- a) RECOGNITION OF SFPD TEAM – BAKER TO VEGAS RUN
- b) ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION – APRIL 28
- c) SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH & DENIM DAY – APRIL 25

DECORUM AND ORDER

Assistant City Attorney Padilla provided a brief summary of the rules of decorum.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Maria Calleros, City employee, said they value the City, enjoy serving the community, and she said they're asking for a fair contract.

Charles Leone, SEIU Local 721, talked about the work that the members do, they have not asked for a lot and just want a fair contract, and all are stronger when we work together.

Ruben Quintana, SFPEA President, said it's been almost a year and we're getting closer to a good contract deal.

Frank Villalpando also talked about their membership, what they've done, and the need to make sure all are on board to protect the City.

Julie Cuellar spoke in favor of the union members, talked about a girl that was recently killed crossing the street, and the need to educate people about traffic safety issues.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales reported the Independent Cities Association did not have a quorum but reminded his colleagues to sign up for the summer seminar.

Mayor Ballin said it was an exciting moment last week when her son-in-law was appointed to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District and discussed the California Water Fix project, approved by the MWD.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to approve the Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO CWE FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL PARK INFILTRATION PROJECT
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 FORD SUPER DUTY F350 GASOLINE POWERED UTILITY TRUCK UNDER THE NATIONAL JOINT POWER ALLIANCE (NJPA) CONTRACT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

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- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 FORD F350 SRW GASOLINE POWERED UTILITY TRUCK UNDER THE NATIONAL JOINT POWER ALLIANCE (NJPA) CONTRACT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 FORD FOCUS (P3R) ELECTRIC HATCH UNDER THE NATIONAL JOINT POWER ALLIANCE (NJPA) CONTRACT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT PROJECT LIST TO RECEIVE SENATE BILL 1: ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION FUNDS
- 8) ADOPT A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO RECEIVE STATUTORY PASS THROUGH PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA NO. 1A ('89 ANNEX), PROJECT AREA NO. 3 (CIVIC CENTER), AND PROJECT AREA NO. 3A (CIVIC CENTER 1984 ANNEX)

By consensus, the motion carried.

By consensus, the following item was moved up on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 10) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WILD HORSE FOUNDATION RELATED TO PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT PIONEER PARK

City Manager Meyerhoff gave a brief presentation and Councilmember Gonzales gave background information regarding this item.

Wild Horse Children's Foundation Executive Director Lisette Carnet also made a presentation and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion followed regarding the person in charge of allocating the funds, seeking grant funding opportunities, renovations and refurbishing fields at Pioneer Park, future plans for the house, snack shacks, and other City parks, prioritizing projects, next steps for approval of an MOU, benefits of establishing a partnership with Wild Horse Foundation and increasing programming at Pioneer Park.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to:

- a. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a partnership with the Wild Horse Foundation related to program enhancements and capital improvements at Pioneer Park; and
- b. Approve the use of the City Seal, logo, and social media on digital and print material related to program enhancements and capital improvements resulting from the partnership with Wild Horse Foundation, pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 6904.

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The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Fajardo, Ballin, Lopez – 4
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Soto – 1

PUBLIC HEARING

- 9) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT AMENDING SECTION 106-6 (DEFINITIONS) OF ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL) OF CHAPTER 106 (ZONING) OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE ADDED CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING LOT AREA WITHIN R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONES

Mayor Ballin declared the Public Hearing open.

Community Development Director Tim T. Hou presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Ballin called for public testimony.

Humberto Quintana referenced a letter he sent to the City with concerns regarding the proposed ordinance, reported he met with the Community Development Director, noted changes were made to the ordinance, and thanked Council for recognizing the need to modify the original ordinance and City staff for their time and consideration.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to close the Public Hearing.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Fajardo, Ballin, Lopez – 4
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Soto – 1

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to:

- a. Introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1675 entitled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California Amending Section 106-6 (Definitions) of Article I (In General) of Chapter 106 (Zoning) of the San Fernando Municipal Code to provide added clarification regarding the methodology for calculating lot area within R-1 Residential Zones”; and
- b. Affirm the City’s determination that the proposed Ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code

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of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly, and therefore no further environmental review is required.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Fajardo, Ballin, Lopez – 4
NOES: Soto - 1
ABSTAIN: None

By consensus, the following item was moved up on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

12) MEASURE A AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Councilmember Gonzales gave an update on the Measure A Ad Hoc Committee and reported information will be provided indicating specific allocations of the funds.

Vice Mayor Lopez discussed the Ad Hoc Committee noting efforts were focused on how the funds were allocated, reported on the amount of information available, addressed the importance of working together with the community, and spoke about directing staff to move forward on a measure.

Discussion followed regarding City staff's involvement, the need for direction from Council to agendize an ordinance for inclusion in the November ballot and protecting City employees and the City's infrastructure. Ensuing discussion pertained to projects and programs that will suffer, in the absence of Measure A.

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported that anything the City publishes, will need to be neutral.

Direction was given to staff for the Ad Hoc Committee to draft sample language for an ordinance and return to Council to consider placing Measure A on the November ballot, without objection.

11) REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Nick Kimball present the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding Council priorities. It was noted that each City Department will give an overview of their recommended budget, during the budget process, and will provide a discussion of the work plan.

Discussion ensued regarding continuing to work towards reaching priorities and adding items to the list; placing emergency services and public safety as high-priority items; needing to consider the present City staffing shortage; the possibility of reviewing priorities on a quarterly basis; making sure that priorities are realistic and next steps.

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At this time (8:49 p.m.), Councilmember Soto left the Council Chambers.

DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES

Community Development Director Hou provided an update on a recent Planning and Preservation Commission meeting.

Police Chief Anthony Vairo gave an update regarding the recent auto/pedestrian fatality in the City and Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Kimball discussed upcoming budget study sessions.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian J. Venegas gave an update on the Santa Rosa Youth Baseball League and the Las Palmas Senior program.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Gonzales discussed the Santa Rosa Youth Baseball League and the upcoming Special Olympics noting the need for volunteers and thanked staff and Council for supporting the partnership with the Wild Horse Foundation.

Vice Mayor Lopez spoke about Council's need to rely on staff to make the right decisions and noted everyone in the City is dedicated to improving it.

Mayor Ballin expressed appreciation to everyone's commitment and dedication.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Meyerhoff provided an update on a recent MWD tour and gave updates regarding various meetings and activities in which he participated with staff.

ADJOURNMENT (9:13 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 16, 2018, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk*